(X) Construction of the Annexe to the National Archives of India

(24) Resolution by Shri V.G. Khobrekar

"While congratulating the Union Minister for Education for implementing several long awaited reforms, such as the promulgation of the Archival Policy Resolution and elevation of the National Archives of India as an Attached Office of the Ministry, the Commission reiterates the urgency of constructing the proposed Annexe to the National Archives of India as quickly as possible, as without it no significant improvement in the preservation and utilisation of archives is now possible."

Explanatory Note:

The regime of Prof. S. Nurul Hasan as Education Minister has seen tremendous improvements in the scope and functioning of the National Archives, which is the natural leader and pace setter for all the Archival instructions in the country. The Archival Policy Resolution was passed in 1972; the Attached Office status was notified in 1975; many publications have been brought out; exhibitions held, and a new image of the National Archives of India has been projected abroad. The National Archives has worked out and started implementing a large number of plan schemes, with the result that stagnation and resultant frustrations among

the officers and staff are now things of the past. The biggest hurdle in the further progress of the National Archives of India is lack of accommodation. The construction of the Annexe building has been under consideration of the Government since 1945. Any further delay in this construction will not only hamper the work of this national institution but will also place serious hardships and difficulties on the scholars, and result in further increase in the construction costs.

Standing Committee's views:

Commended for consideration of the Commission.